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We hope you have enjoyed reading DX-World as much as we have enjoyed compiling it.

Merry Xmas to you all, and a have a DX-filled festive season going into 2026 – a year that will again see DXpeditions coming thick and fast.

DX-World will continue to serve you – free of any charge – with DX info and updates throughout the entire festive period & New Year.

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DX News

3G9S Navarino Island SA-050 -update

We're just a few weeks away from our little project, and there's still a lot to do.

We've acquired a small 2kW inverter generator and hope we won't have any problems with air transport. We've decided to build the line filter according to the GM3SEK model, for which we already have all the materials, including the ferrites purchased from Mouser. We plan to assemble it during the last week of December.

We've also built an end-fed antenna with a 1:64 balun for 80 meters, which we won't be able to test before traveling, but believe it will work. <https://www.dx-world.net/3g9s-navarino-island-sa-050/>

VP0SG South Georgia Island -update

The VP0SG South Georgia 2027 DXpedition, organized by Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD), continues to move forward with key milestones achieved in recent months. ARD is pleased to announce the current operator roster, which now consists of experienced operators from Europe and North America.

We are very happy to announce that Steve W0ZB has joined the expedition leadership as Co-Leader and Team Doctor, strengthening the expedition's leadership representation from North America and bringing his professional medical expertise to the project.

Current operator team: F4HEC, G0VJG, G4PVM, IU2EFB, LA3BO, LA7THA, LB1QI, LB5GI, OE7PGI, OK2WX, UR8UQ, UT5UY, W0ZB.

PZ5OZ Suriname -update by Joe OZ0J

SPE PA is broken. It will not tune anything. I will run 100 watt the rest of the DXpedition. 50 MHz QSO is not possible this time of the year according to PZ5RA, Ramon. SSB is pending due to problems with the headset and the connection to the radio. And 60 meter is pending whatever I can use for an antenna that is in Ramon's house. Club Log live stream is on. My plan is to be QRV on 160 meter on 26 December from 01 UTC and listen for EU. If that succeeds, I will continue for some more days.

Lakshadweep AU7RS -update

As the VU7 team, we're super excited to share our detailed plan for the upcoming AU7RS Lakshadweep Islands DXpedition, happening from 10th to 22nd January 2026. We're committed to making this happen, but we need your support!

Here's the thing: despite our best efforts, the support we've received so far is just not enough. We're talking hotel expenses of minimum \$\$\$. But we're not giving up! We've got a solid plan, and we're moving forward. <https://www.dx-world.net/au7rs-lakshadweep-islands/>

Palmyra Atoll Volunteer Position

Maybe a position to suit a radio ham..?

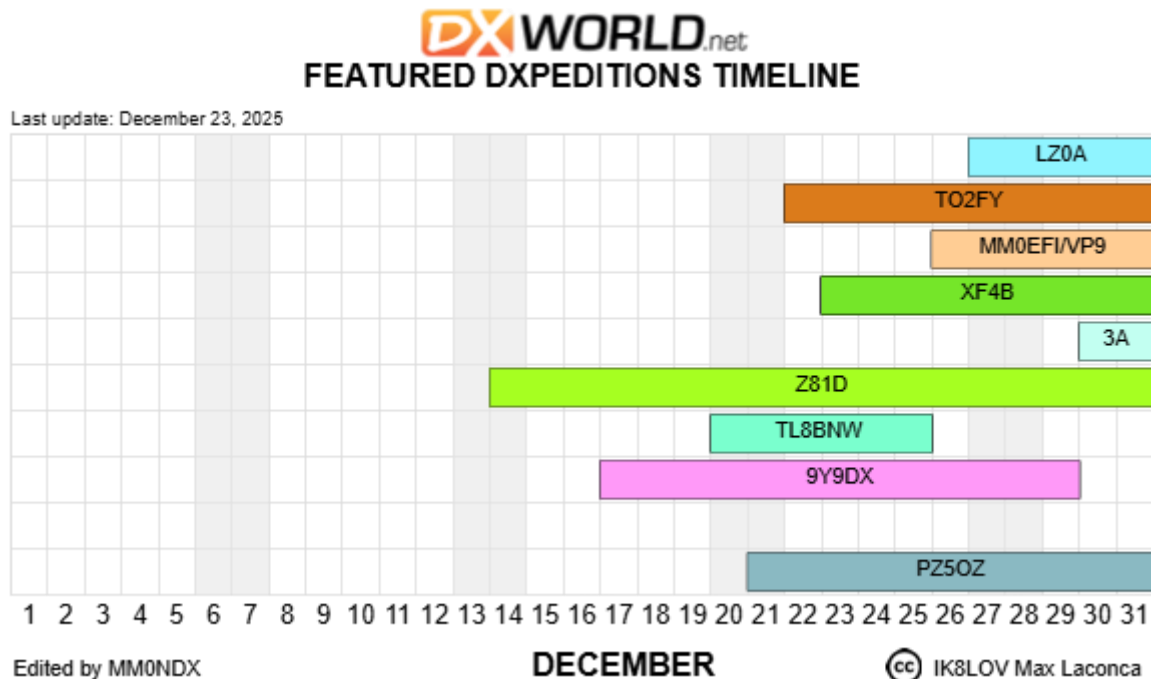
Palmyra Atoll NWR Rainforest Realignment Volunteer Positions: Winter – Summer 2026.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is recruiting four (4) volunteers available from mid-Feb 2026 to mid-July 2026, to participate in an invasive coconut control project (The CoCo Project) at Palmyra Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. Volunteers will work in Honolulu for preparation and training for up to three (3) weeks and then be deployed to Palmyra Atoll for approximately four (4) months.

If you are passionate about conservation, possess a strong physical and mental constitution, and are flexible under changing conditions, then this is the perfect opportunity for you. This island-level experiment aims to increase native tree species and seabird populations and improve island and coral reef resiliency to climate change.



DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

European Tour by Pete, ZL4TE

ZA, ALBANIA December 28-30 as ZA/call

OE, DL, HA, G not yet known is he is getting on air

3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again be QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ during December 30 and January 3. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

4K, AZERBAIJAN Look for the 4K0T DXpedition and Contest Team for their first POTA activation from Shahdagh National Park on December 29-31. Operation on 17 meter SSB.

4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT will be operating in 'holiday-style' as 4K/call from December 26 until January 3. Operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, OQRS.

6Y, JAMAICA Lester, W8YCM is once again active as 6Y8LV from the Coral Seas Resort until mid-January 2026. From time to time he will sign as W8YCM/6Y on HF. QSL via home call.

9Y, TRINIDAD and TOBAGO Look for 9Y9DX (first time ever for a 9Y9 prefix) until December 29. Earl WA3DX will primarily be active from 40 to 10 metres using FT4/8. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is again active as C5YK. Previously, his activity has lasted a few months; generally into February or March. QRV mainly on the high bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau).

FS, PJ7 ST MARTIN Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active from both islands as FS/call and PJ7/call from December 31 until January 21, 2026. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call.

FY, FRENCH GUYANA Pierre, F4GPK is once again active as TO2FY until January 15, 2026. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF using SSB only. QSL via LoTW or home call.

HK0, SAN ANDRES Primarily active from mainland Colombia as HK4/DF3TJ, operator Christoph also has plans to make side-trips to San Andres (NA-033) and Providencia (NA-049). QRV from those islands as HK0/DF4TJ. Dates are not specific but he should be active late December going into January '26. Modes: CW and SSB. QSL via ON5JC.

HL, SOUTH KOREA Kevin, AI5SM is active as HL1/call until January 1, 2026. QRV mostly portable with POTA using CW, SSB and FT8.

On the scene...HL1/AI5SM



HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call from Copan until March 2026. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

KH0, MARIANA ISL Ken, JO1VRK will once again be QRV as KH0/AJ6VJ between December 30 and January 3. Activity on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

PZ, SURINAME Joe, OZ0J is operating until January 2, 2026 as PZ5OZ. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB, FT8 and perhaps some RTTY from the PZ5RA rental shack. QSL via OQRS, LoTW and buro. <https://pz5oz.oz0j.dk/>

TG, GUATEMALA Todd, AF4CZ is once again operating as TG9/call until January 5, 2026. Operation during his spare time from 40 to 10 metres using mainly FT8 and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June 2026. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is once again QRV as V51WH until March 24, 2026. Activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60m included).

V7, MARSHALL ISL John, K5GDE is operating during his spare time as V73JW from Kwajalein Atoll until December 31. Operation so far between 40 and 10 metres using FT8 with a Kenwood TS-450 and a 60ft long-wire antenna. QSL via QRZ.com, LoTW.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Mark, AA2MA is QRV during December as VP5/call during his spare time. Operation portable using CW and FT8. QSL via bureau or direct, LoTW.

VP8, SOUTH SHETLAND Active when time permits, look for Ivo LZ1AAW to QRV as LZ0A from the Bulgarian Antarctic Base of St. Kliment Ohridski, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, AN-010 at the end of December 2025 until mid-February 2026.

VP9, BERMUDA Fraser, MM0EFI will be operating as call/VP9 between December 26 and January 5, 2026. Operation running portable with less than 50W and wire antennas.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/MM0EFI/VP9>

XF4, REVILLAGIGEDO After his short trip in October to Revillagigedo, Mark XE1B was invited to return over the Christmas holiday to again activate XF4B. He will stay until the year end when his license expires. He will be accompanied this time by Guillermo, XE1IMO, who will help with

logistics and also operate SSB and FT8 on 80-6 meters. All FT8 QSOs (except 60 mtrs) will be in SuperFox mode with call validation to eliminate pirates. Check [QRZ](#) for frequencies to be used.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Once again, Diya YI1DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until March 30, 2026. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.

On the scene...Ivo, LZ1AAW as LZ0A from South Shetland



Coming up soon

J3, GRENADA Rikk, WE9G will be active as J3WG during January 1-16, 2026. Rikk will be running SO2R on 16906m; mostly FT8 with some CW & SSB. Possible SOTA activity too.

IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-090 Sainte-Marie Isl Eric, F6ICX is once again active as 5R8IC until late December or early January. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW with some FT8 and SSB. During the last weeks of December or early January he will be QRV via QO-100. QSL via home call, LoTW or Club Log.

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is active again as JS6RRR until April 17, 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Take is also using JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6, JI3DST/P and JJ5RBH/P. QSO's are uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-085 St George Isl Darren, K4DMN is active in 'holiday-style' until January 1. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using mainly FT8 with a FT-871ND, FT-891 and a MPAS 2.0 vertical. Side trip to Dog Island and St Vincent is possible. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5Z, KENYA Michael, OZ6ABL will be operating as 5Z4/call from January 15 until February 28, 2026. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

8Q, MALDIVES Alex, IW5ELA will be operating as 8Q7EL from Vaavu Atoll between January 19 and January 26, 2026. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be operating as FM/call or TO7O during the CQ WPX SSB contest. Outside the contest QRV on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

KP5, DESECHEO ISL In collaboration with the Vieques Island Amateur Radio Club (NP3VI) and the Manyana DX Foundation, we are proud to announce a landmark DXpedition to Desecheo Island (KP5), currently ranked as the 14th most wanted DXCC entity worldwide. To ensure continuous, global on-air presence, two self-sustained Remote Deployable Units (RDUs) provided by the Manyana DX Foundation will be deployed on the island. These stations will operate 24 hours a day for 30 consecutive days, utilizing state-of-the-art remote operating infrastructure from Remote Ham Radio (RHR).

The primary mission of this DXpedition is to provide an All-Time New One (ATNO) to as many amateur radio operators worldwide as possible. Operators from Puerto Rico and international locations will participate to maximize coverage, band availability, and global accessibility.

<https://desecheo2026.com/kp5/>

T8, PALAU Ken, JP1RIW will be QRV as T88KH during March 26-30, 2026. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via BM2JCC or OQRS.

V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD will once again be operating as V31KO / V3O during February and March 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included as V3O. QSL via EA5GL.

On the scene...V73JW Marshall Islands



THE REMINDERS

The Rebel DX Group update

Dom, 3D2USU recently let DX-World know that, he along with one other op in the Rebel DX Group, plan to visit and be active from the following Pacific DXCC entities in the months ahead.

H44 – Solomon Islands (dates: t.b.a)

H40 – Temotu Province (dates: t.b.a)

ZK3 – Tokelau (after current E6 activity)

KH8/S – Swains Island (~ 1 week activity)

T33 – Banaba (after ZK3)

T31 – Central Kiribati (April 2026)

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN

FS, ST MARTIN

Flavio IW2NEF and Giovanni IZ2DPX are planning activity from both PJ7 and FS during January 13-21, 2026. While operating from Saint Martin he will be mobile using a 20m vertical antenna. Also QRV on other HF bands from Sint Maarten; SSB, FT8, FT4. QSL via Club Log OQRS, buro, LoTW.

8P, BARBADOS Chris, WA7RAR will be QRV as 8P9CB between January 18 and January 30, 2026. QRV from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

8P, BARBADOS Mike, VE2XB will be QRV as 8P9XB from February 21 until February 28, 2026. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. Mike is also planning trips to V31ZY, 5H, ZA, 9H, J79XB, J38XB and TI5 for later next year.

8Q, MALDIVES Ji, DS1TUW will be operating as 8Q7JI from January 18 until January 24, 2026. Activity on HF using CW and FT8. POTA activity during his stay. More to follow.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: *'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.'* Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

On the scene...Plane being loaded up for XF4 (credit XE1B)



C2, NAURU Phil, FK1TS/C21TS will be back on air starting around January 31, 2026 until end July 2026. Phil mentions *'It's been great fun working everyone. And I keep promising but never deliver, but for sure some SSB next year. I need to get myself a good headset so I can be hands free and then good to go. It's also very noisy here. I live right next to the main road with no air con so windows always open. March / April should still bring some good contacts. SSB contacts will be barefoot. Legal limit here for CW / FT8 etc is 105 watts, SSB 400 watts. My licence good to the end of 2026.*

As stated below I will finish for good towards the end of July '26 when my 3 years is up. So still some time to catch me. My logs up to date with Charles M00XO. Any queries hit me up on email. LoTW, eQSL, HRDlog, Club Log all up to date. 99% of LoTW queries are non-uploads at the other end.'

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical + 10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

CY0, SABLE ISL The CY0S Dxpediton Team will once again be active between March 19 and March 30/31, 2026. *"As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpediton", they say. "We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpediton"* <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/>

D4, CAPE VERDE Heli, DD0VR will be operating as D4VR from February 6 until February 19. Activity on HF with high efficient antennas using QRP. QSL via home call.



29-31 December 2025

LN41CH **AZ-0006 Shahdagh National Park**

E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE next July/August 2026. QRV from Rarotonga, more to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) will be active as TX9W from April 19 until April 30, 2026. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. <https://k5we.com/tx9w/>

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active from the JW5E club station as JW8EKA between March 13-15, 2026. Operation from 20 to 10 metres and perhaps the low bands using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

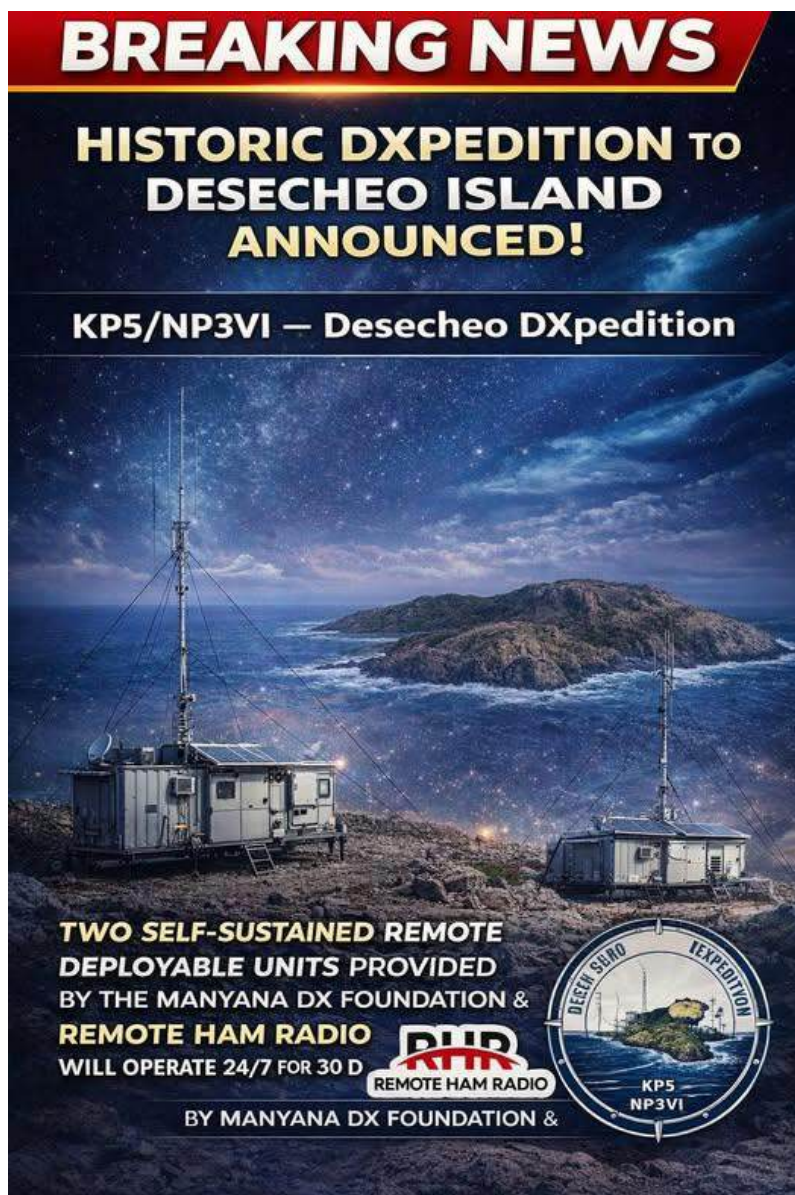
H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard (DL2GAC) will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai village between January 25 and April 10, 2026. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will once again be QRV as P44W during February 16-23, 2026. QRV from his QTH in Santa Cruz, an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. Prior to the contest activity is planned on all bands using CW. QSL via LoTW and N2MM.

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM will once again be operating as P40AA from January 11 until January 29, 2026. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Outside the contest, Mat will be found on all bands using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via homecall, OQRS.

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF will be QRV as PJ2/call from January 22 until March 31, 2026. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Elecraft K5D and a Buddipole, DX Commander for 40 and 30 and a doublet for 80. QSL via home call, LoTW.



BREAKING NEWS

HISTORIC DXPEDITION TO DESECHEO ISLAND ANNOUNCED!

KP5/NP3VI – Desecheo DXpedition

TWO SELF-SUSTAINED REMOTE DEPLOYABLE UNITS PROVIDED BY THE MANYANA DX FOUNDATION & REMOTE HAM RADIO WILL OPERATE 24/7 FOR 30 D

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PJ2, CURACAO Andre, PD1DRE will be back as PJ2/call between January 26 and March 4, 2026. More to follow.

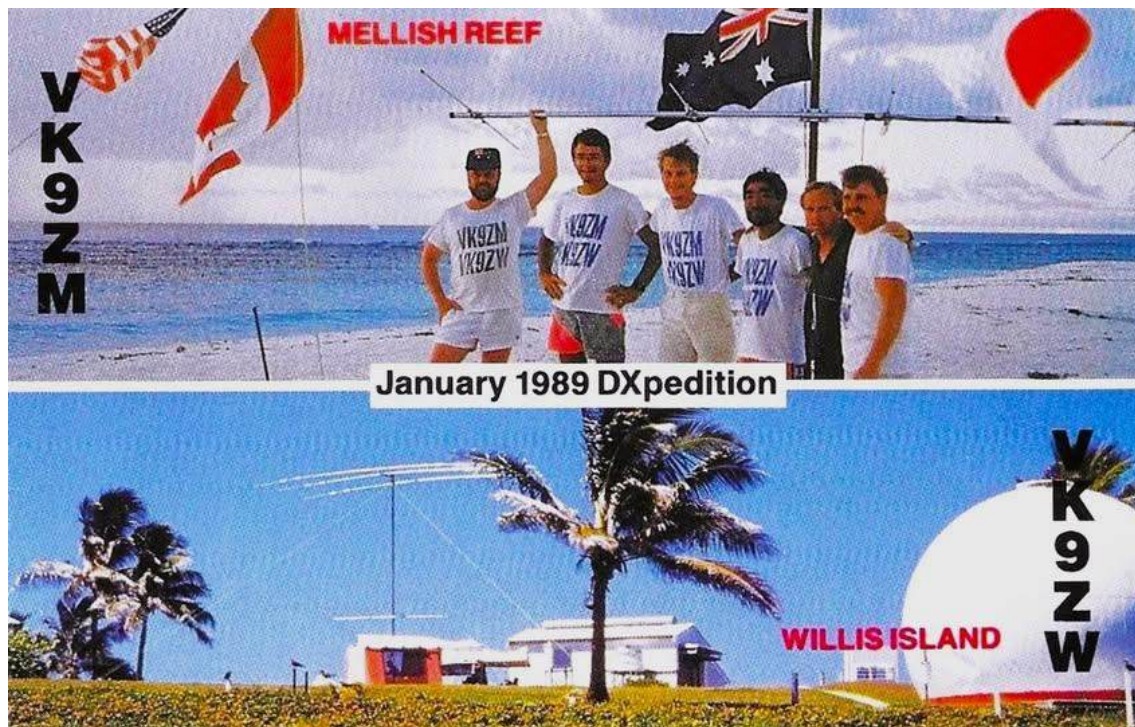
S2, BANGLADESH The Next Generation DX Club will be off to Bangladesh February/March 2026. *'Ranked #91 worldwide, #32 for North America, and still highly wanted on CW (#66) and SSB (#75), this DXpedition is set to light up the bands. After bringing you 8R7X – Guyana 2024 and V73WW – Marshall Islands 2025, we're ready to make waves from one of Asia's most exciting and under-activated locations. More information about callsign, dates, and operators will follow shortly – stay tuned!'*

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Borut, S53BV will be active as S9BV from February 5 until February 20, 2026. QRV in 'holiday-style' on 60, 40, 30 and 15 meter using CW and SSB with full size verticals, a dipole and an Icom IC-7000. QSL via OQRS only.

T8, PALAU Mike JA6EGL, Hiro JA6KYU and Koji JH6OPP will be operating as T88SM, T88HS and T88XE during January 10-16, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home calls.

T8, PALAU Look for Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN and Kuni JA1CJA as T88MB, T88CZ and T88DK from the VIP Guest Hotel between February 25 and March 5, 2026. Operation on several bands and various modes. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.



T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

T8, PALAU Operating out of the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau, look for T88JH (JR3QFB), T88KY (JA1MFR), T88MH (JA1JRE), T88MT (JA1MEJ) & T88YL (7K4TKB) to be active during January 28-31, 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. QSL via ops instructions.

TU, IVORY COAST Marie-Lydie, F4LHI (Rookie Dxpediton team) informs that a team will be operating as TU5RE during February 2026. F4LHI goes on to say this expedition takes on a new form: *'it is novice, mixed, and inclusive. It brings together a team of passionate amateur radio operators with diverse backgrounds who believe in the power of transmission, civic engagement, knowledge sharing, and inclusion.'*

TY, BENIN Gerard, F5NVF will be operating from Godomey as TY5GG starting from early January until April 2026. QRV on various bands. QSL via LoTW.

V3, BELIZE Mike, VE2XB will be operating from Ambergris Caye as V31ZY during March 16-27, 2026. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Jon, W5JON will once again be QRV as V47JA from January 30 until February 3,

2026. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-300D and a Mosley, a Yagi and a vertical. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Chris, WA7RAR will be operating as V4/call from February 21 until March 7 2026. QRV from near Cockleshell Bay as V4/call, with also POTA operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA and Antoinette W5RCX will be operating between February 11 and March 18, 2026. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

V6, MICRONESIA Celebrating 60 years in ham radio, Haru JA1XGI announces he will be active from Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia as V660XGI during January 22-28, 2026. QRV on 160-10m; CW, SSB & Digi. Participation in the CQWW CW 160m contest (January 23-25). QSL via JA1XGI, Club Log OQRS.

QSL preview

T2NH

Tuvalu



VP2M, MONTSEERRAT Chuck, KG9N will be active as VP2MCV between February 17 and March 3, 2026. Operation on all bands and all modes with an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW and home call.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027. Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

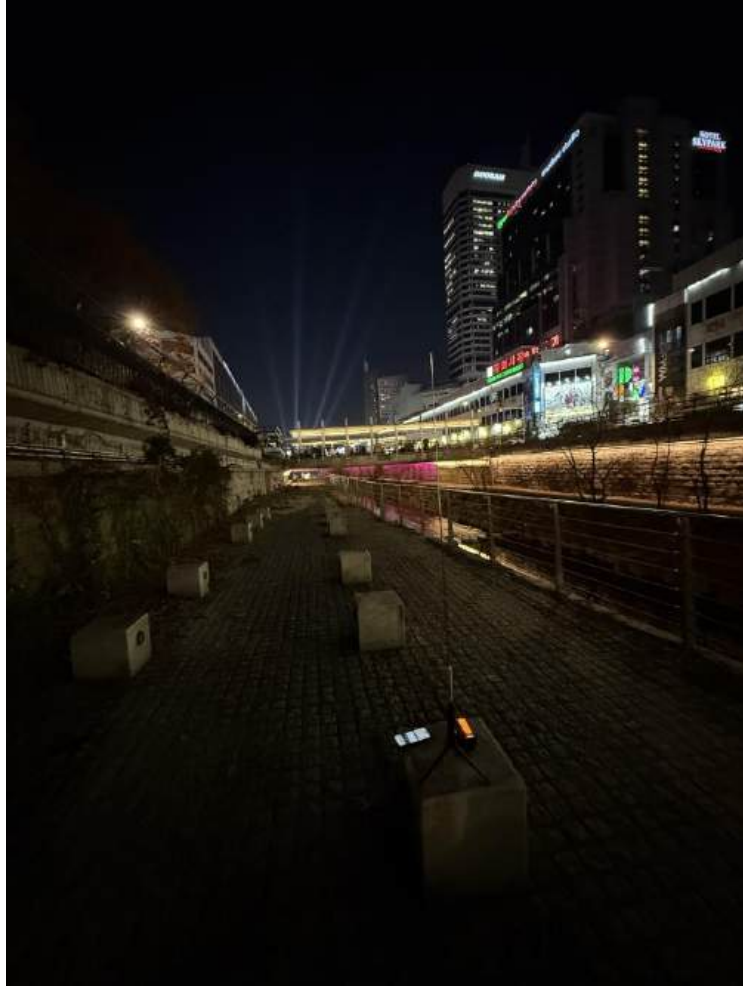
VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISL The DX India Foundation will be operating during January 10-22, 2026 from this remote and rare entity as VU7RS. A team with VU2RS as leader and Sarath (VU2RS), Adersh (VU2ADX), Anil (VU3DXA), Girish (VU3GDS), Renju (VU2AR), Nodir (EY8MM), Axel (DL6KVA), YT1AD Hrane and Serge (R7KW) will focus on the lower bands with emphasis for

North America. The team will operate with an impressive antenna setup, including DX Commander 4-Square for 40m and 2 DX Commander Multi-Band Verticals.

<http://www.vu2rs.com/vu7r/>

XX9, MACAO An DXpedition is planned with a large team during March 19-31, 2026. Activity on HF and 6 metres. Team members are EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, JH4RHF, IK5RUN and IN3ZNR. [XX9 DXFriends Dxpediton](#)

On the scene...HL1/AI5SM



IOTA

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

EUROPE

EU-118 Flannan Isl Nobby, G0VJG reports that a return to the Flannan Islands with team is in the pipeline. He mentions they hope to be QRV from this very rare IOTA (EU-118) in the near future, as MM0UKI.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-018 Kangerlussuaq Bo OX3LX and Mikkel OX7AKT will be QRV from February 10 until February 17, 2026. QRV from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL for OX7AKT via OZ1ACB, OX3LX via OZ0J.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-013 San Ambrosio Isl An International Team of very experienced Amateur Radio operators is helping behind the scenes with technical support and operational knowledge in order to make this activity a very successful Dxpedition with Felipe XQ7IR. Operation is planned between January 12 and February 15, 2026 as 3G0XQ. QRV from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Desventuradas islands, the small volcanic islands of San Ambrosio and San Félix, lies 850 km off the coast of Chile and some 780 km north of Juan Fernández Archipelago one of the Most Wanted entities in amateur radio community. The operation includes one operator on the island focus in SSB/FT8 Modes, and a remote station on the island working 24/7 CW/FT8 Modes. Permits and authorization will be post on this website as required by a legal operation. [News](#)

SA-050 Navarino Isl The friends of JuncalDX from the Aconcagua Valley, eager to enjoy amateur radio, participate in and organize various amateur radio activities, such as the 3rd Chilean DX Congress and participation in international contests like CQWW or CQWPX, POTA activations, lighthouses, and others. CB9N, XR9N and 3G9S will be the special callsigns that will be part of the expedition to the Chilean Antarctic Province CE9 on Isla Navarino, taking place during the first half of January 2026. Operators Miguel CE2PM and Garcia CE2GT will be QRV from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS.

More information and a call-for-support are available on the DXpedition [website](#).

Guess the QSL...



Antarctic base

McMurdo Station, Ross Island by Andrew KC4/KL5SE

My 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as KC4USV and as KC4/KL5SE from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.

So far activity has been from:

Keep an eye on Andrew's QRZ [page](#) for further updates.

Neumayer Station

New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU is active during the entire winter as DP0GVN until December 2026. QSL via OQRS.

Felix, DL5XL starts operating early January to mid-February 2026 as DP1POL. QSL via DL1ZBO.

Palmer Peninsula WE9G/KC4

Look out for Rikk, WE9G to be active from Palmer Peninsula, Antarctica as WE9G/KC4 in early February 2026. More info to follow on this one..

QSL via LoTW, QRZ, ClubLog & HRDLog.

Vostok base by Alex UG1A

After Vostok, says Frank (F8DVD), there's a possibility that Alex will go to Ridge B and operate from there. Nothing is certain about that yet so more info later. However, it would be an ATNO for the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) and Polar DX Challenge as Ridge B has never been activated before.

A new callsign have been assigned to Alex for all operations during this season: RI1ANI.

Since 2007, Alex was very active from Progress and Vostok base, mostly in CW but also in SSB with many calls such as R1ANC, R1ANP, RI1ANC, RI1ANV, RI30ANT.

NOTE: Ridge B is one of the least studied areas in Antarctica but has been considered to be a potential location for the oldest ice on Earth. In January 2020, the first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical dome of Ridge B was carried out. Ridge B (Dome B) is 3807m above sea level, 79.02°S, 93.69°E).

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

CT, PORTUGAL CS25XMAS is the special callsign for members of the National Association of Portuguese Radio Operators and Radio Amateurs (CS5RP) to celebrate Christmas on 19-25 December. QSL via email. (TNX 425DX)

CT, PORTUGAL To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP), Portugal's IARU member society, around fifty operators scattered all around the country will use three special callsigns - **CS26REP, CR26REP and CR3REP** - on 1-7 January. Look for activity on various bands and modes, and via QO-100. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on <https://hamaward.cloud/awards>. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA LZ2025ZONE and LZ2026EURO are two special callsigns celebrating Bulgaria's admission into the Eurozone and adoption of the euro as of 1 January 2026. QSLs via LZ2VP. Also look for LZ1EURO to be active on 1-6 January. QSL via LZ3SC. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints. The first callsign in the series, **SP1894MMK** (1-31 January), is for St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (SP3RN), born on 8 January 1894 and killed at Auschwitz in 1941. It will be followed by **SP1440SL** (February), **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July), **SP1905MFK** (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

W, USA N3V is a special callsign for members of the Charles County Amateur Radio Club to commemorate the anniversary of the first wireless voice transmission, achieved by Reginald Fessenden 125 years ago. Look for activity between 19 and 26 December, and especially on the actual anniversary day (23 December). QSL direct to Michelle Sack, PO Box 1182, Waldorf MD 20604-1182, USA (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

QSO Party Day 2026 by Marconi Club ARI Loano

Qso Party Day Contest organized by Marconi Club it's as always with the "short contest" format, is now in its 8th edition. This year, the event is scheduled for Saturday, January 3, 2026. The purpose of the event is to introduce our club to the younger generations and bring together all those who truly love and believe in telegraphy, promoting the MARCONI CLUB ARI LOANO, founded on May 8, 1988, by the late Libero Meriggi I1YXN and the renowned DX-peditioner Baldur Drobnica DJ6SI. The event will involve all members of the historic club, which has nearly 1000 members from all over the world, and all enthusiasts of this wonderful and magnificent art of CW. For this edition too, the BEGALI company, an undisputed world leader in the production of high-quality telegraph keys, has agreed to support our Contest by donating one of their own keys, which will be raffled off among the top five finishers in the Marconi Operators category. To further encourage participants, this special prize cannot be awarded to those who have already received it in a previous edition. The awards ceremony and the drawing for the special prize will take place at the Marconi Club stand at the Ham Radio Exhibition Center in Montichiari (BS) on Saturday, March 15, 2026. This year, it will also be possible to upload logs online. Please note that logs must be uploaded exclusively in Cabrillo format. Logs can be uploaded via the Marconi Club ARI Loano page at <https://www.marconiclub.it> Operation from 0700 UTC until 2100 UTC on 20, 40 and 80 metres.

On the scene...9N2NK Nepal



4U1ITU ITU HQ GENEVA **4U0ITU** is the callsign for the International amateur Radio Club at ITU HQ in Geneva to use from 16 May through the end of the year in celebration of the 160th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to IARC, P.O. Box 6, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A10SOTA is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA 9A169TESLA is a special callsign that will be used until 31 December in

celebration of the 169th anniversary since the birth of Nikola Tesla (10 July 1856). QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

CN, MOROCCO The Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc will be active with the special callsign **CN35CAN** around the Africa Coup of Nations 2025 (Dec. 21 to Jan. 18). QSL via qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

D4, CAPE VERDE Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the independence of Cabo Verde (5 July 1975), the Monteverde Contest Team (D4C) and Paolo, D44PM will be active as **D450ICV** until 31 December. They will operate "across all bands and modes, primarily focusing on HF". QSL via Club Log's OQRS. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/D4C.STATION> for updates. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DA0LH (special DOK 25ILLW), associated with the lightship Laesoe Rende will be active throughout 2025. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), Club Log OQRS, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The Deutsches Museum in Munich, one of the largest science and technology museums in the world (<https://www.deutsches-museum.de>), celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. **DL100DM** is the special callsign to be used throughout the year by the amateur radio station which is part of and regularly active from the museum's "Electronics" permanent exhibition. QSL via DL8FA. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Radio amateurs in Kamenz (DOK S22) celebrate their city's 800th anniversary with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSL info see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

QSL preview



EA, SPAIN Throughout December, **A025YOTA** will be one of many stations worldwide getting on the air to support YOTA (Youngsters on the Air) activity. For more information see: <https://events.ham-yota.com> (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN EG1NV is a special event station celebrating Christmas lights in Vigo. QRV until Jan. 12 in 2026. QSL via LoTW, qrz.com, eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN Members of the Jaen Amateur Radio Union (URJ) celebrate their city's jubilee with the callsign **AM1200J** until Dec. 28. QSL via EA7URJ; for awards see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

EA, SPAIN The radio club in Palencia uses the callsign **EG1SANTA** until the end of the year. QSL via EC1R. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE Dominique (F4JMX) is going to put the callsign **TM63SC** on the air from December 17 to 31. It was used in previous years by F8DZU (Jean-Pierre), who became silent key earlier this year. (TNX DXNL)

F, FRANCE TM100REF The year 2025 will mark the centenary of the Réseau des Émetteurs Français (REF) and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). In commemoration of this significant event, the REF, a member of the IARU, is organizing a radio challenge for all licensed

amateur radio operators and shortwave listeners (SWLs) worldwide.

For more information go to the website at <https://web.r-e-f.org/tm100ref/> or on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM100REF>.

HA, HUNGARY The first official, regular radio broadcast in Hungary began on 1 December 1925, which is now celebrated as Hungarian Radio Day. To mark that centenary, the Hungarian Radio Amateur Society (MRASZ) and the Honfy Jozsef Radioclub (HA1KHJ) organise a commemorative activity to be held from 15 November to 31 December under nine special callsigns:

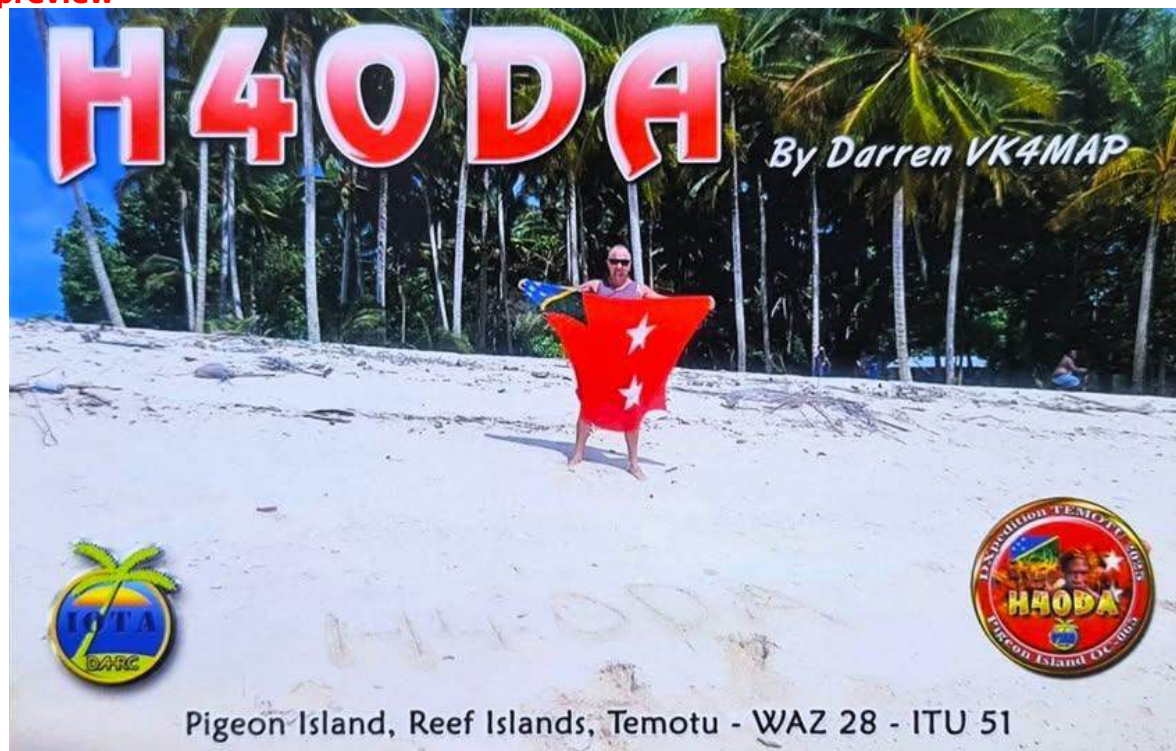
HG100RADIO, HG100YHRB, HG100AN, HG100EG, HG100FO, HG100IT, HG100RC, HG100SD and **HG100UD**. Look for activity on 160-10m CW, SSB & digi modes, and via QO-100. (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND Celebrating the 70th anniversary of their organization, members of the International Police Association's Swiss branch (HB9IPA) will be active as **HB70IPA** between 1 November and 31 December. Activity will be on various HF bands and the QO-100 satellite. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, paper cards will not be provided. (TNX 425DX)

HB9, SWITZERLAND **HB20SOTA** is the special callsign for the Swiss SOTA Group (HB9SOTA) to celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout 2025. A certificate will be available, see <https://hb9sota.ch/en/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

HS, THAILAND **HS25SG** is a special event callsign which will be activated on 1-30 December to celebrate the 33rd Southeast Asian Games and as part of the "SatFinder" educational campaign, which promotes space, satellite, and radio science to students and the general public through amateur radio activities. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, and QRZ Logbook. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/HS25SG> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

QSL preview



I, ITALY Members of ARI Gorizia (IQ3GO) will be active as **II3GONG** from 1 October to 29 December. The special callsign's suffix stands for Gorizia (Italy) and Nova Gorica (Slovenia), the first cross-border European Capital of Culture. QSL via the bureau and eQSL. A certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/II3GONG> for information. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2025 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the many patents registered by Guglielmo Marconi between 1897 and 1926: **II4EACC** (November) and **II4TJTB** (December). QSL via IQ4FE and LoTW. Information about the "Marconi - Patented By" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

LA, NORWAY **LA100A** is the special callsign for NRRL's Midt-Troms Gruppen (LA6M, <https://www.la6m.no/>) to use throughout 2025 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio two-way contact between Norway and the US, made by Johannes Diesen, LA1A

from Moen in Malselv municipality and UIYB at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (25 November 1925). QSL via the bureau, QRZ Logbook, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

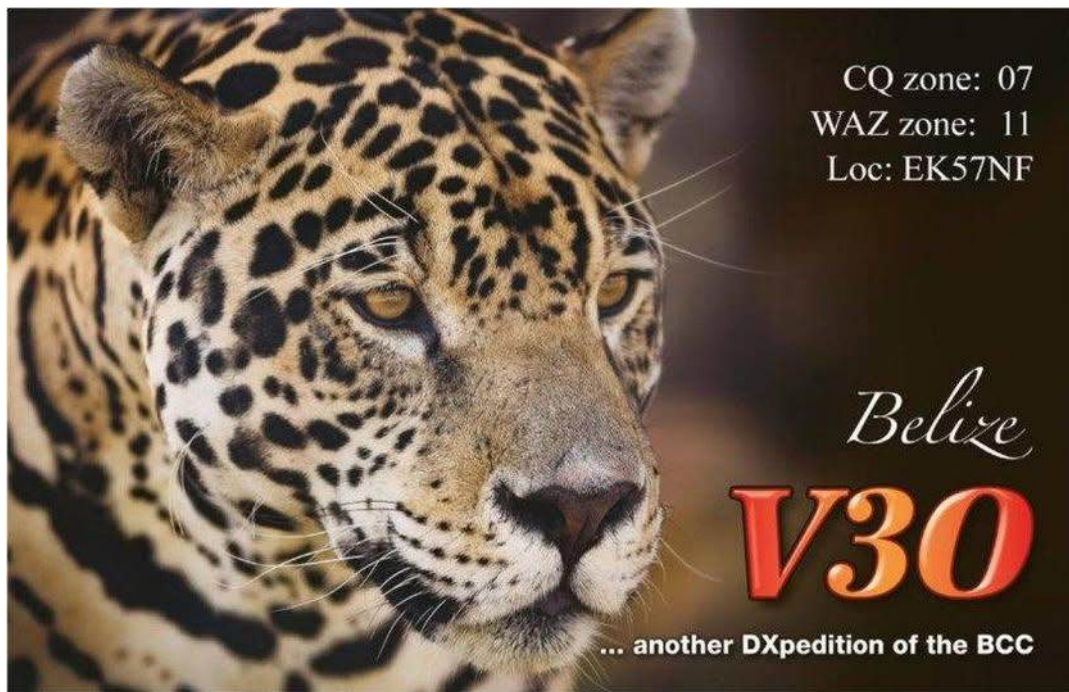
LZ, BULGARIA Special event station **LZ75IPA** will be active throughout 2025 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the International Police Association. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to LZ3HI. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ306WW** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2025 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OA, PERU The Peruvian Radio Club celebrates its 95th anniversary with the callsign **4T950** during December. QRV on 40-10m on CW, SSB, RTTY, FM and FT8. For QSL information see: <https://www.oa4o.pe> (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE0YOTA** is going to take part in the December YOTA Month 2025 events. (TNX DXNL)

OE, AUSTRIA **OE175ARWT** remains active until the end of the month, marking the 175 year history of Austria's military bureaucracy. (TNX DXNL)



OH, FINLAND **OF60AP** is the special callsign for members of the Central Uusimaa Radio Amateurs Association (OH2AP) to celebrate their club's 60th anniversary throughout 2025. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see https://oh2ap.fi/?page_id=491. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REP **OL100IARU**, **OL100I**, **OL100A**, **OL100R** and **OL100U** are the special call signs for the Czech Radio Club to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union from 15 April to 31 December. A certificate will be available. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM Commemorating the 81st anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, members of UBA Section Bruxelles-Est (ON5UB) will be active as **OR81NUTS** between 13 and 31 December. The suffix of the special callsign is General Anthony C. McAuliffe's famous single-word reply in response to a surrender ultimatum. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Dutch Radio Group Christmas Event will run from 10 December to 2 January with six special callsigns: **PD25HOLLY**, **PD25HOHOHO**, **PD25REDNOSE**, **PD25SANTA**, **PD25XMAS** and **PD26HNWY**. More information can be found on See <https://www.qrz.com/db/PD25XMAS>. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Numerous special event stations will be active around the Christmas and New Year season:

PA25SANTA - Op PA9JO; QSL via PA1AW

PA25XMAS - Op: Santa Ray in Twente

PI25XMAS - Op: Santa's Dutch HQ in Twente

PD25STAR - Op: Ramona

PD26HNY - The Happy New Year Team in Twente

There will be no QSL cards. Certificates are available via qrz.com.

SWLs send logs to: award@pi4x.com

PF25XMAS - Op: Barry in Den Haag; QSL via PC1K (d/B), LoTW.

PH25XMAS - Operator: PA3EFR/J

PH26HNY - Operator: PA3EFR/J

PA, THE NETHERLANDS PA100IARU celebrates the 80th anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek (VERON) until the end of December. QSLs via PA1AW. (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Dutch Marine Radio Amateur Club (MARAC) celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, the Dutch Administration has given permission to the MARAC to use the special call **PA40MARAC** in 2025.

S5, SLOVENIA S5100IARU is the special callsign for members of the Zveza Radio amaterjev Slovenije (Association of Radio Amateurs of Slovenia) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU until 31 December. QSL via LoTW, or via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

SM, SWEDEN The radio club SK3GK continues to mark the first radio broadcast 100 years ago from Gävle with the callsign **SM100XF** until the year's end. (TNX DXNL)

SP, POLAND HF4SES is a special callsign that will be in use from 31 October to 31 December to mark the launch of RadioAwards.club, a "platform designed for organizing and managing ham radio award events worldwide". See <https://radioawards.club/ses/premier-event> (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The special event station **SN0TPAX** draws attention to the first amateur radio contact between a Polish and foreign station, which took place in 1925 between Tadeusz Heftman TPAX and MOPM in the Netherlands. QRV until the year's end. (TNX DXNL)

UA, RUSSIA Special callsigns **R2026A, R2026C, R2026L, R2026N, R2026NY, R2026S, R2026X, UE26HNY** and **UE26NY** will be active from 29 December to 11 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>) and the Rostov Oblast branch of the Russian Amateur Radio Union (SSR). QSLs via RQ7L. See <https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

V6, MICRONESIA Celebrating 60 years in ham radio, Haru JA1XGI announces he will be active from Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia as **V660XGI** during January 22-28, 2026. QRV on 160-10m; CW, SSB & Digi. Participation in the CQWW CW 160m contest (January 23-25). QSL via JA1XGI, Club Log OQRS.

VK, AUSTRALIA VI100SIG, the special callsign celebrating the centenary of the Australian Corps of Signals during 2025. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/VI100SIG> for more information.

YO, ROMANIA YR1600VT is the special callsign that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 31 March 2026 to popularize Via Transilvanica, the long-distance trail (1600 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1600VT>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA Members of the YO3KRM Radioclub will run a Christmas Special Event on 5-31 December, with three special callsigns: **Y00HOHO, Y00XMAS**, and **YR0UDOLPH**. QSLs via YO3GND. Certificates will be available, see qrz.com for the details. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL60PAH is the special callsign for Phil, ZL3PAH to use from 23 November to 22 February 2026 to celebrate his diamond jubilee in amateur radio. He will operate CW, RTTY, and "maybe a little SSB too" on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZL100C is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZS, SOUTH AFRICA On 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is set to kick off for a year-long operating during 2025. Throughout the year, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event callsign **ZS100SARL**, as well as the permanent callsigns **ZS6SRL** and **ZS9HQ**, and possibly other special event callsigns. A number of awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)